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THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR HOPE SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENTS CAN SUBMIT FAFSA ONLINE ASAP

Nashville, Tenn. — Students may still receive HOPE Scholarships and other Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) awards as long as their applications are submitted and processed by August 20. The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) has extended the priority deadline *for this year only*, in order to allow all eligible students a chance to apply.

Dr. Myron Oglesby-Pitts, deputy executive director of TSAC, said, "The Legislature made several changes to the scholarship program in this first year that will make many students eligible who did not meet criteria under the original rules. We want to make sure all eligible students have time to get their applications in so they can take advantage of this terrific new educational opportunity."

Legislative changes to HOPE Scholarship eligibility that went into effect this spring included changing the ACT requirement for home school students to 21 from 23; eliminating core curriculum requirements; and extending eligibility to Tennessee residents who graduate from out-of-state boarding schools and out-of-state high schools in counties bordering Tennessee. In addition, dependent children of U.S. military or Tennessee National Guard on active duty out of state who have maintained home of record in Tennessee and graduates of high schools on military bases located in whole or in part in Tennessee are eligible under the revised rules.

To apply for HOPE and other TELS awards, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and enroll at an eligible institution. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Processing can up to two weeks, and applications must be processed no later than August 20.

The TELS program awards up to \$4,000 per year for eligible students to attend a college, university or technology center in Tennessee. So far, more than 42,000 awards have been made.

For more information about Tennessee Scholar Dollars, the HOPE Scholarship and other TELS awards, visit www.TNScholarDollars.com, or call the HOPE Hotline at (615) 741-1346 (press 1) or (800) 342-1663 (press 1).

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